

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of SiO_2 as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO , less than 10 wt% of at least one of Al_2O_3 and ZrO_2 , and less than 2 wt% of at least one of Na_2O , K_2O , FeO , Fe_2O_3 and BaO .

2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.

3. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is fibrous or granular.

4. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of fibers having an average fiber diameter in a range of from 2 μm to 9 μm and an average fiber length in a range of from 100 μm to 1,500 μm .

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5. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2 μm to 100 μm .

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